

Memorandum



DATE October 1, 2013

TO The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Potential Impact to the City of Dallas from the Federal Government Shutdown

Congress failed to pass a bill appropriating funds by the September 30, 2013, midnight deadline, thus shutting down many federal government operations. These operations cannot resume until Congress passes a bill appropriating funds (which will more than likely be a continuing resolution).

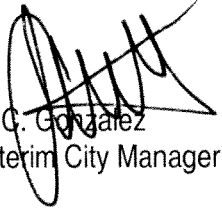
While the impacts of a federal shutdown will be limited for the City of Dallas, a few departments may be affected. Programs funded outside normal appropriations would continue to operate. The following types of programs and/or federal agencies will not be affected by the shutdown:

- FAA Air Traffic Controllers
- TSA Officers
- Food and Drug Inspectors
- Federal agencies employing emergency and disaster assistance personnel.
- Social Security Administration
- Medicare
- trust fund programs supporting highways, transit and airport infrastructure.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs
- HOME Investment Partnership programs
- the Federal Reserve and the US Post Office
- the Affordable Care and the Healthcare Exchange Marketplace which opens today, October 1st, 2013.

Administration of some federal grants will likely be suspended due to the shutdown, primarily because federal websites will have limited functionality. While it is impossible to predict how long the shutdown will last, the impact will be gradual. A list of currently known impacted grants is attached. The situation is very fluid and City departments are still receiving updates from federal agencies regarding other potential impacts.

The City, along with our federal lobbyists, is closely monitoring the situation and will provide up-to-date coverage to the Mayor and City Council as Congress works to pass a funding bill.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



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Attachment – A: Potentially Impacted Grants

Dallas Water Utilities - The Department of the Interior – Bureau of Reclamation is closed and no funds can be drawn for the current water reuse feasibility study covering the White Rock Lake, downtown Dallas and the Bachman Lake areas.

Dallas Police Department, Dallas Fire Rescue, Office of Emergency Management and Intergovernmental Services - The Department of Justice has funds available until October 4th, 2013 after which the fund draw and reimbursement functions will be disabled. This inability to draw funds impacts Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), Office of Justice Program Grants and programs funded under Bureau of Justice Assistance programs. Any reimbursable or allowable expenses should be drawn before October 4th, 2013 or the funds will not be available until the shutdown has ended. Staff will be working to ensure that reimbursement submittals are completed prior to October 4th.

All training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy activities will be cancelled, including a scheduled training for Emergency Management Specialists at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Housing - The WIC program will be closed and funds will be unavailable. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be able to utilize funds already received to continue Texas WIC programs for the next 30 days. After which, the funds will be unavailable. Continuum of Care and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDs (HOPWA) grant funded programs will not be able to draw funds starting October 1st.